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Reference: April Quarterly Report (1/1/02-3/31/02)

Dear Mr. Holliday:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

On Schedule H1 of your report, you have used an incorrect method of allocation of shared administrative expenses and voter drive costs. State party committees are required to allocate these expenditures according to the ballot composition ratio. 11 CFR §106.5(d). The federal portion of administrative and generic voter drive expenses is calculated by checking all of the offices that appear on the general election ballot, and dividing the points for federal office by the total points for all offices. Please amend your report to include a correct H1 utilizing the ballot composition method and note that a change in the federal and non-federal ratios may make it necessary to repay your non-federal account for any overpayments they may have made. While the Commission may take further legal action concerning any impermissible overpayments by the non-federal account, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-Your committee has filed a report that contains one Schedule H1. In states that hold federal and non-federal elections in different years, committees must complete an additional Schedule H1 to calculate the allocation ratio for generic voter drive costs. See 11 CFR §106.5(d)(2). Please amend your report by providing an additional Schedule H1.

-The Detailed Summary Page, on Line 18 Column A of your report, discloses \$36,300 in transfers from the non-federal account for joint activity for the reporting period. However, Line 21 (a)(ii) Column A discloses \$31,480.93 as the non-federal share for joint activity for the reporting period. While the non-federal account is permitted to transfer funds to the federal account for shared activity, transfers for shared activity must be made within a 70-day time period: no more than 10 days before or 60 days after the payment to the vendor. 11 CFR §§106.5(g)(2) and 106.6(e)(2) Please clarify the nature of the transfers-in from the non-federal account.

The Commission recommends that you immediately transfer back to the non-federal account, the total excessive amount which was received by your federal account outside the 70-day time period. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

A response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designation and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



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